The transfer pricing rules 10 A to 10E of the Income-tax Rules have been prescribed *vide* notification No. S .0.808(E) dated 21.8.2001.

Rules 10A to 10E prescribe the procedure of determination of arm's length price, most appropriate method to be applied, information and documents to be kept and maintained by the assessee and the form of the report from an accountant to be furnished alongwith the return of income.

Working conditions of employees of PSUs

†*627. DR PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

whether working conditions of employees working with Public Sector Undertakings will remain unchanged in private companies also in case, Public Sector Undertakings are sold to the private companies; and

if not, the details of the scheme formulated by Government to provide employment to thousands of such workers rendered unemployed ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRIJASWANT SINGH) : (a) and (b) Protection of employees interest is an integral part of the disinvestment policy of the Government. Adequate provisions are made in the Transaction Agreements, executed as a part of strategic sale to ensure protection to employees.

The Agreements provide that there is no retrenchment of employees for one year after disinvestment and even thereafter separation is possible only under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme as applicable under DPE guidelines or the Voluntary Retirement Scheme which was prevailing in the company prior to disinvestment, whichever is more beneficial for the employees..

Comments of UNIDO on FDI

*628. DR AKMLESH DAS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of the Director General United Nations Industrial Development Organization in New Delhi made on April 1, 2003 to the effect that India could "easily" double its foreign direct investment inflow by bringing about policy changes including labour regulations;

if so, what specific changes in India's policy are sought to be brought about by the UNIDO Chief; and

what is Government's reaction thereto?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.